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SUBJ: MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER KHALATBARY

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1. I BRIEFED KHALATBARY ON SUBSTANCE OF REFS A AND B
LATE AFTERNOON MAY 11. (IN THE EVENT, SHAH'S TRIP TO
BALKANS HAS BEEN POSTPONED FOR FEW DAYS.) IN DOING SO,
I STRESSED THAT WASHINGTON ASSESSMENT WAS A VERY
PRELIMINARY ONE, WHICH WOULD REQUIRE MORE STUDY OVER
TIME.

2. KHALATBARY SEIZED ON OUR CONCERN ABOUT AFGHAN
INTENTIONS IN PUSHTOONISTAN AND BALUCHISTAN, SAYING
THAT RECENT STATEMENTS FROM KABUL HAD ACCENTUATED
THIS ISSUE. HE SAID AGHA SHAHI FEARED THE WORST.

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3. THIS COMMENT LED TO HIS DISCUSSION OF OUR LAST
MEETING AND MY STATEMENT THAT IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT
FOR US TO HELP PAKISTAN IF THEY INSIST ON THE REPROCESSING
PLANT. KHALATBARY HAD REPORTED THIS TO SHAH, WHO RAISED
THE PROBLEM OF THE PLANT THREE TIMES IN HIS TALK WITH
AGHA SHAHI.

4. AT AIRPORT UPON HIS DEPARTURE, AGHA SHAHI ASKED KHALATBARY TO PROPOSE TO SHAH THAT REPROCESSING ISSUE MIGHT TO NEUTRALIZED IF IRAN WOULD JOIN WITH PAKISTAN IN THE ENTERPRISE AND COULD ACT AS GUARANTOR THAT PLANT WOULD NOT BE USED FOR WEAPONS PURPOSES. KHALATBARY HAD RELAYED THIS TO SHAH, WHO TOLD HIM TO TELL AGHA SHAHI THAT IRAN WOULDN'T TOUCH THE PLANT WITH A TEN-FOOT POLE. KHALATBARY WILL SEND THIS MESSAGE TO AGHA SHAHI TOMORROW.

5. KHALATBARY SAID HE HOPED HE WOULD HAVE FURTHER CHANCE TO DISCUSS REGIONAL SITUATION AT RCD MEETING LATER THIS MONTH IN ANKARA.
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